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EXAMINING GROUP 2116

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-DESCRIBING DEVICES
Application No. 09/503,067
Examiner E. Chang
Art Unit 2116

Amendment Transmittal
Amendment After Final

YO-999-567
(590.003)

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In re Application of : Dono et al.
Serial No. : 09/503,067 Examiner : Eric Chang
Filed : February 12, 2000 Group Art Unit : 2116
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELF-DESCRIBING DEVICES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.

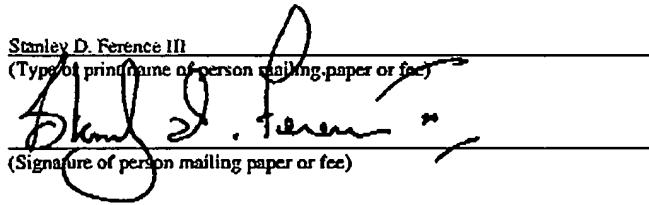
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2. In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted on (571) 273-8300 on January 3, 2006 to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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5. Also enclosed: _____
6. No additional filing fee is required.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	29	** 32	= * 0	x \$25	=	O x \$50	= 0
Ind. Claims	3	*** 4	= * 0	x \$100	=	O x \$200	= 0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				+ \$180	=	O + \$360	=
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* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

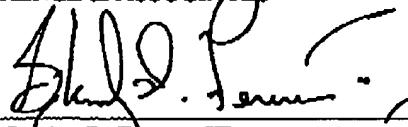
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8. Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$_____ to cover the filing fee.
9. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$_____ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
10. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

ERENCE & ASSOCIATES

By 
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Dated: January 3, 2006

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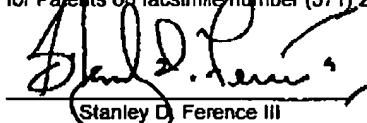
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January 3, 2005
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.